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## A BALTIMORE BLAZE

WIPES OUT ELEVEN BIG FIRMS

Before It Is Controlled by the Firemen—The Losses Will Amount to Over Half a Million Dollars With Very Heavy Insurance on Stocks and Buildings.

Baltimore, April 30.—The most disastrous fire that has taken place in the city for many years broke out shortly after 7 o'clock tonight in the five-story warehouse No. 518 West Baltimore street, occupied by S. W. Floss & Co., wholesale dealers in notions and white goods. The flames spread with great rapidity and the entire fire department was called upon, but a brisk wind carried the fire to the adjoining buildings and they were badly damaged before the water could exert an influence. The losses are: Floss & Co., \$150,000; insurance, \$80,000; estate of Jacob Trust, one building, \$75,000; insured; Leviason's, at goods, \$60,000; fully insured; M. King & Co., clothing, \$50,000; insurance, \$30,000; M. King on building, \$60,000; insured; Gross & Dumbare, furniture, \$50,000; insured; estate of Jesse Smith, building, \$10,000; insured; Albert Brothers, hardware, \$20,000; insurance \$15,000; Medway & Co., stationery, \$15,000; insurance \$15,000; Jenkins Brothers & Co., oil, cloth, \$20,000; insurance \$17,500; Bell, Knapp & Co., book-binders, \$35,000; insured; Frank & Adler, wholesale shoe dealers, suffered some loss from water, but the contents of the store, valued at \$50,000, were saved. The origin of the fire is unknown.

\$750,000 FIRE.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—Shortly before 9 o'clock this afternoon a fire broke out in the basement L. & E. Meane's furniture establishment and rapidly spread to A. L. Bancroft & Co. stationery and publishing established in the same building. Inside of an hour the building, which is five stories high, was gutted and the entire contents consumed. The fire spread to an adjoining smaller building, which with the contents was also destroyed. Total loss \$750,000.

GOULD'S LABOR LOGIC.

The Outcome of Present Troubles—Remedy He Would Provide.

New York, April 30.—The Times today has a lengthy interview with Jay Gould on the labor situation. In answer to an inquiry as to what he thought would be the outcome of the present discontent and agitation among workmen Mr. Gould said:

"I look for little good to anybody, least of all to the working people, who are directly and vitally interested, from the apocryphal agitation that is now shown to us most conspicuously. It gives us strikes, boycotts, intimidation and threats of disorder in a thousand forms. It seeks, practically, to plunge the country into civil war. It places an embargo on everything akin to personal independence. The workmen, so far as we see them in these bodies of the stamp of the Knights of Labor, are self-sufficient, almost insatiable in their demands. Organized labor, as we get a present view of it, is in the wrong path. Unscrupulous and designing leaders are blinding the masses."

"Do not misunderstand me," went on the speaker. "I do not share the idea from what I have said that I am opposed to the organization of labor. Far from that being true, I am an earnest believer in the union of fellow-workers. I see abundant advantages to accrue to the man who is banded for mutual benefit with his brother workmen. The properly organized laborer must be a stronger man, a better workman, more careful, more thoughtful and a better citizen."

ORGANIZATION'S TRUE MISSION.

"What, then, would be your idea of proper organization?"

"I think the true mission of labor organization should be to properly educate their members, weed out the black sheep and provide a life insurance for the honest and industrious workmen."

The speaker then went on to say that the laborer should be able to feel secure that if by hard fortune he becomes incapacitated there is still a protecting hand to give him remaining days some brightness. "There is a danger of disloyalty," he said, "in the laborer who is not a patriot. He would never be a law-breaker. For a long time I have been revolving in my mind various schemes by which I have hoped to be able to insure the good and honest laborer, who goes on in the honest way, from the condition of the world. Here the workingman would have something to live for; he would not feel himself cut off from all the world; he would not be contented constantly with expectations of misery. Manliness would assert itself; he would never be a law-breaker. The laborer would be a patriot always. He would never be a law-breaker. For a long time I have been revolving in my mind various schemes by which I have hoped to be able to insure the good and honest laborer, who goes on in the honest way, from the condition of the world. Here the workingman would have something to live for; he would not feel himself cut off from all the world; he would not be contented constantly with expectations of misery. Manliness would assert itself; he would never be a law-breaker. The laborer would be a patriot always. He would never be a law-breaker."

NEW IN MIKE.

The President has vetoed the bill designating Omaha, Nebraska, as a port of entry.

A new oil field has been discovered on the Ohio River, fourteen miles above Marietta.

John Widdowson, well known citizen of Clark county, O., was killed by a train at Plattsville.

Louis Sommerfield (white) and Richard Lee (colored) were hanged at Washington, D. C., yesterday.

Seven members of the Salvation Army and one of Newark, O., are creating a disturbance in the streets.

The manufacturers of St. Louis will accept the eight-hour schedule, but will pay for only eight hours' work.

The total imports of dry goods at New York during the past week were valued at \$2,284,097, and the amount thrown on the market at \$2,283,014.

A petition is in circulation in New York City asking for the pardon of James D. Fish. The petition is said to be signed by over nine hundred depositors in the Marine Bank and by many officers of banks in the city and throughout the country.

The President's Commissioners of the District of Columbia have removed Martin Cronin, for sixteen years Chief of the Washington Fire Department. The removal is in gross violation of civil service rules, as no charges, can be preferred against him.

The Cincinnati, Washington & Baltimore railroad company meets the eight hour problem by issuing a notice to shipmen and mechanics that, beginning May 1, they will be paid a fixed compensation for each hour of labor performed, the rate being one-half of the sum heretofore paid per day.

The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days, as reported to R. G. Dun & Co., number for the United States 180, and for Canada 18, or a total of 207, as compared with a total of 194 last week and 182 the week previous to the last. The Western and Pacific States this week furnish about one-half of the entire number of business casualties reported.

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